



COMMITTEES: AN AGONIZING RE-APPRAISAL

To those of you who stay out of your student government because you believe the committee system is just an excuse for inaction, let me cite an example to prove that a committee, properly led and directed, can be a great force for good.

Last week the Student Council met at the Duluth College of Veterinary Medicine and Helles Lettine to discuss purchasing a new doormat for the students union. It was, I assure you, a desperate problem because Sherwin K. Sigfoos, janitor of the students union, threatened flatly to quit unless a new doormat was installed immediately. "I'm sick and tired of trooping that dirty old floor," said Mr. Sigfoos, sobbing convulsively. (Mr. Sigfoos, once a jolly outgoing sort, has been crying almost steadily since the recent death of his pet wart hog who had been his constant companion for 22 years. Actually, Mr. Sigfoos is much better off without the wart hog, who tasked him viciously at least once a day, but a companionship of 22 years is, I suppose, not lightly relinquished. The college tried to give Mr. Sigfoos a new wart hog—a frisky little fellow with floppy ears and a waggly tail—but Mr. Sigfoos only turned his back and cried the harder.)

But I digress. The Student Council met, discussed the doormat for eight or ten hours, and then referred it to a committee. There were some who scoffed then and said nothing would ever be heard of the doormat again, but they reckoned without Invictus Milstone.

Invictus Milstone, chairman of the doormat committee, was a man of action—lithe and lean and keen and, naturally, a smoker of Marlboro Cigarettes. Why do I say "naturally"? Because, dear friends, active men and women don't have time to brood and bundle about their cigarettes. They need to be certain.

They must have perfect confidence that each time they light up they will get the same gratifying flavor, the same Selectate filter, the same soft soft-pack, the same flip top flip-top box. In brief, dear friends, they need to be sure it's Marlboro—for if ever a smoke was true and trusty, it's Marlboro. Get some soon. Get matches too, because true and trusty though Marlboro are, your pleasure will be somewhat limited unless you light them.

Well sir, Invictus Milstone chaired his doormat committee with such vigor and dispatch that when the Student Council met only one week later, he was able to rise and deliver the following recommendations:

1. That the college build new schools of botany, hydraulic engineering, tropical medicine, Indo-Germanic languages, and millinery.
2. That the college drop football, put



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a roof on the stadium, and turn it into a low-cost housing project for married students.

3. That the college raise faculty salaries by \$5000 per year across the board.
4. That the college invade from the United States,
5. That the question of a doormat for the students union be referred to a sub-committee.

So let us hear no more defeatist talk about the committee system. It can be made to work!

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